(b) The proposal received from the Kerala State Government entitled "Programme for Agro-Based Vocational Training for Women" envisages:

(i) Agro-based vocational training for farm women at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.62 crores, covering 14 districts.

(ii) The major components of the Project are:

— Setting up and strengthening of 14 Agro-based Vocational Training Centres in the State;

— Capactiy Building and Skill Upgradation of farm women through various types of trainings such as Village Level Training Institutional Training etc.;

— Extention Support to farm women through Result Demonstrations, Study Tours, Mahila Goshtis & Organisation of Characha Mandals;

— Infrastructural & Administrative Support through civil works, equipment, staff and mobility;

— Monitoring & Evaluation Support; and

— Setting up of Mobile Marketing Units.

(iii) The Government of Kerala has forwarded the aforesaid project for availing Dutch Assistance. The Dutch Authorities have, however, expressed their inability to commit themselves to new projects, including the proposed project in Kerala, to drastic cuts in their budget.

Integrated Farming of Coconut

2295. SHRI J CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coconut Development Board has sanctioned Rs. 713.025 lakhs for the Scheme Integrated Farming in coconut holding during 1999-2000 in Kerala but no amount has been released, so far, though the implementation of the programme which is in progress in the State; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The Coconut Development Board has earmarked a total outlay of Rs. 713.025 lakhs for

implementing the scheme on integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement in Kerala during 1999-2000 covering total area of 22,500 hectares. The funds could not be released to the State Government as the Board did not receive State level administrative sanction, project report for implementing the scheme, etc. from Government of Kerala. Since the project now submitted by Government of Kerala is not in accordance with the approved on-going scheme, the Board has, therefore, requested the State Government to revise the project accordingly for early release of funds.

Assistance to Earthquake victims of Garhwal

† 2296. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that the amount of assistance is not being provided so far to the earthquake victims of Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are aware that the case of providing amount of assistance by Government has been examined twice by the State Government wherein it has been found that actually the same is urgently required for those victims, particularly for the victims of Rudraprayag district;

(c) the amount of assistance provided to such victims of village Jawari, Post-Mai Ke Mandi, District- Rudraprayag; and

(d) if so, whether Government will direct the State Government to ensure that the amount of assistance is made available immediately to the above mentioned victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) It is the responsibility of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to undertake relief and restoration measures in the wake of natural calamities and utilise the assistance provided to them under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and the National Funds for Calamity Relief (NFCR). Central share of CRF for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs. 108.50 crore has been released to the State Government for immediate relief including the earthquake in the hilly areas in March, 1999. In addition-, the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) has approved Rs. 16.68 crore from the NFCR in the wake of earthquake of March, 1999.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.